

I am against House joint resolution 12 because our community of Bonner Milltown—school dist 14 was not given the opportunity to make any comments or state their opinions on this proposed bill. The 500 plus people that signed a petition have stated that we as a community want the black bridge saved and not removed from it's site.

Northwestern Energy owns the dam and the back water east of it, this is not state land. First the generators were shut down and as a result the community lost tax \$ revenue. This bill would take the land out of private ownership and therefore would not generate tax\$ revenue to the community again as the state would not pay any taxes on this park.

We know that if this bill goes thru it would provide certain groups access to what and how it would be run to accommodate them and not the community. Fish wildlife parks pockets run deep and this would suit certain groups goals and not the people living and working in the community. The vast majority of the membership of these groups do not live nor work nor pay taxes in the district. Before this bill is acted upon give our community a voice in it not just thru Kevin Furey the rep. Who is he actually representing?

Also the contaminated soil behind the dam is estimated at 7 million plus cubic yards. Envirocon and the E P A are only removing abt 2 million cubic yards. My question is whose liability is it for the remaining contaminated soil?

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